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## **Pacific West Region News Release**

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### **SUPERINTENDENT APPOINTED FOR LAVA BEDS NATIONAL MONUMENT**

David F. Kruse, a 27-year veteran of the National Park Service (NPS), is appointed to the position of Superintendent of Lava Beds National Monument in Tulelake, California. The appointment was announced today by NPS Regional Director Jonathan B. Jarvis.

Kruse replaces Craig Dorman who recently retired.

“Dave brings an unusual blend of experience to the job, and I have a very high degree of confidence in him as Lava Beds National Monument moves into a general management planning process and looks to its future in the community,” said Jarvis.


Some of that unusual blend of experience is coordinating the Federal Lands Highway Program in the NPS Pacific West Regional Office in Oakland, California. This partnership program with the Federal Highway Administration rehabilitates and improves the NPS’s road and transportation infrastructure. He has served as acting superintendent at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site in Washington and at the National Park of American Samoa, and he has worked on a Department of the Interior partnership for biodiversity in Tanzania, developing road and maintenance facilities and improvement programs for two of its national parks.

Kruse, as a licensed landscape architect with a degree from the University of Oregon, has also worked at Rocky Mountain, Grand Canyon, and Mount Rainier National Parks.

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From 1985-1990, he worked with the Sacramento District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a landscape architect on a multi-disciplinary planning team. During this period, he worked on planning at the Presidio of San Francisco coordinating with the State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

“I look forward to working with the quality staff at Lava Beds and getting to know the people of the Tulelake area,” Kruse said in accepting the appointment. It is an area he has already enjoyed spending time in, with its many recreational and historical opportunities.

He and his wife Marge anticipate moving to the Klamath Falls area in the spring.

Lava Beds National Monument is one of 390 units of the National Park Service, recognized for its unique geologic features of lava tubes. It also is the site of the Modoc Wars in the late nineteenth century, with petroglyphs and historic tribal elements featured in the park. The NPS has recently signed an agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation to maintain the Tulelake Segregation Center National Historic Landmark. The Lava Beds National Monument Superintendent will oversee management and planning of all of these activities.

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